



## U.S. Embassy, Manila, Philippines

### Message for U.S. Citizens: Discontinuation of Additional Visa Pages for U.S. Passports Beginning on January 1, 2016

October 1, 2015

*THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD.*

For cost and security reasons, the Department of State will discontinue the consular service of adding additional visa pages to U.S. passports beginning January 1, 2016.

As of October 2014, all embassies worldwide began issuing 52-page passport books for full-validity passports. The thinner 28-page book is no longer available. This change was implemented to lessen the burden that may be placed on frequent travelers who need more pages and those customers who may need to update residence permits or foreign entry/exit visas to comply with foreign country immigration practices. **Requests for additional visa pages will still be accepted for existing passports through December 31, 2015.**

Starting January 1, 2016, applicants who need extra visa pages will need to apply for a new passport book. Instructions on how to renew your passport or apply for visa pages for your existing passport can be found on our website:

<http://manila.usembassy.gov/service/passports/renewal.html>.

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See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Philippines Country Specific Information.

Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program ([STEP](#)) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

Contact the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines, located at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, at +(63) (2) 301-2000, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +(63) (2) 301-2000.

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